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1. MARCH 16 LEFTIST (GENERALLY ANTI-US) CUMHURIYET AS PART
OF ITS CONTINUING CELEBRATION OF RECENT DIFFICULTIES IN
US-TURKISH RELATIONS REVIVES STORY OF PRIMIN ECEVIT'S
PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE ONLY NEW ASPECT
TO CUMHURIYET'S REPORT, WHICH IS GIVEN HEADLINE TREATMENT,
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IS THAT THE VISIT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE, IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE NATO SUMMIT.

2. STORY THEN SHIFTS TO CURRENT VISIT OF SOVIET TRADE
DELEGATION WHICH HAS REPORTEDLY COME PREPARED TO SIGN A
\$300 MILLION TRADE AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO
UNIDENTIFIED CUMHURIYET SOURCES, AND EFFORT WILL BE MADE

TO REACH A SECOND AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR TURKISH IMPORTATION OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN RETURN FOR WHEAT AND "STRATEGIC MINERALS SUCH AS TUNGSTEN."

3. MFA EASTERN DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SELCUK TARLAN TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 16 THAT DATE OF ECEVIT VISIT STILL NOT SET. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, INVITATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND ECEVIT WILL VISIT SOVIET UNION IN 1978. BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES, THE MOST LIKELY TIME FOR VISIT IS AFTER JUNE, HOWEVER, NEVERTHELESS, THE AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD MARCH 15 BY FRG COLLEAGUE (WHO DID NOT MENTION HIS SOURCES) THAT ECEVIT WOULD VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN JUNE.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION MARCH 11 TARLAN TOLD EMBOFF HIS PREPARATORY RESEARCH FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A POLITICAL DOCUMENT, WHICH WOULD BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT, WAS GOING WELL. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF MANY SIMILAR DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE "BASIC PRINCIPLES" SIGNED BY THE U.S. AND USSR IN MAY 1972.

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